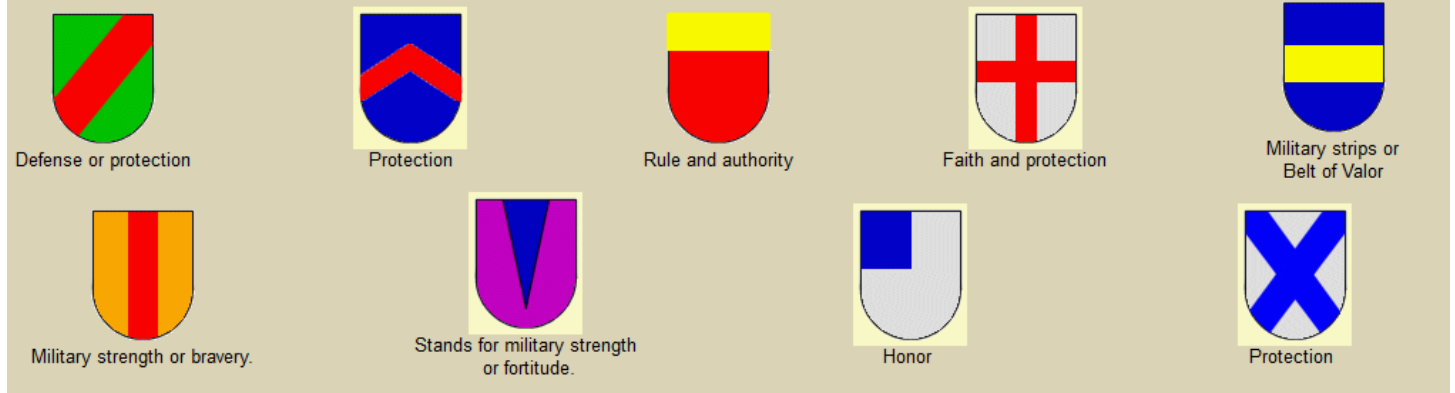


## COLORS

<b>Gold (Or)</b>	Generosity and elevation of the mind
<b>Silver or White (Argent)</b>	Peace and sincerity
<b>Red (Gules)</b>	Warrior or martyr; Military strength and magnanimity
<b>Blue (Azure)</b>	Truth and loyalty
<b>Green (Vert)</b>	Hope, joy, and loyalty in love
<b>Black (Sable)</b>	Constancy or grief
<b>Purple (Purpure)</b>	Royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice
<b>Orange (Tawny or Tenne)</b>	Worthy ambition
<b>Maroon (Sanguine or Murray)</b>	Patient in battle, and yet victorious

### Examples of heraldic shield divisions



### Dividing lines



## CHARGES

<b>Acacia Branch or Leaves</b>	Eternal and affectionate remembrance
<b>Acorn</b>	Antiquity and strength.
<b>Agricultural Tools</b>	Labouring in the earth and depending upon providence; see also Scythe and Sickle
<b>Alisaunder (Similar to laurel)</b>	Peace and/or triumph.
<b>Allerion (Mythical creature, similar to an eagle, but without beak or claws)</b>	Strength of will and authority of mind.
<b>Anchor</b>	Hope; religious steadfastness
<b>Angels</b>	Dignity, glory, and honour; missionary; bearer of joyful news
<b>Annulet (finger ring)</b>	Fidelity
<b>Ant</b>	Great labour, wisdom, and providence in one's affairs
<b>Antelope (heraldic)</b>	A mythical animal with the body of a stag, the tail of a unicorn, a tusk at the tip of the nose, tufts down the back of the neck, chest, and thighs (usually represented with two straight horns serrated on one side)
<b>Antlers</b>	Strength and fortitude
<b>Anvil</b>	Honour; emblem of the smith's trade
<b>Apple</b>	Liberality, felicity, and peace
<b>Arm (or Hand) in Armour or Embowed</b>	A person with qualities of leadership

<b>Arm, Naked</b>	An industrious person
<b>Arrow or Dart</b>	Readiness (for battle); if depicted with a cross, represents an affliction
<b>Ass</b>	Patience and humility
<b>Axe (Also Halbert, Halberd, Hatchet)</b>	Execution of military duty
<b>Baguette (gem ring)</b>	Fidelity
<b>Banderole</b>	See Banners
<b>Banners (See banderole)</b>	Refer to special action in which bearer was captured, or a reward for valiant service
<b>Bar, Barry, or Barrulet</b>	"One who sets the bar of conscience, religion, and honour against angry passions and evil temptations" acc. to Guillim
<b>Barry Wavy</b>	Troubles keep us in continuous exercise and reminders of providence (as waves in a storm at sea)
<b>Bat</b>	Awareness of the powers of darkness and chaos.
<b>Baton</b>	Token of authority
<b>Battle Axe (See Axe)</b>	Execution of military duty
<b>Bay Leaves</b>	Poet or victor's laurel
<b>Beacon (Also Lantern or Lighthouse)</b>	One who is watchful, who gave the signal in time of danger
<b>Bear</b>	Strength, cunning, ferocity in the protection of one's kindred
<b>Beaver</b>	Industry and perseverance
<b>Bee</b>	Efficient industry
<b>Bells</b>	Power to disperse evil spirits; a hawk's bells denotes one who was not afraid of signalling his approach in peace or war
<b>Bend/Bendy</b>	Scarf or shield suspender of a knight commander; signifies defense or protection
<b>Berries</b>	Liberality, felicity, and peace
<b>Bezant/Byzantine Coin (Also Besant; Gold Roundle)</b>	Worthy of trust of treasure.
<b>Billet/Billettee</b>	Bricks or letters (correspondence); one who obtained credence, knowledge, and faith in his words and deeds; one who is secret in one's affairs.
<b>Birdbolt (See Arrow)</b>	Small arrow with blunt head.
<b>Bishop's Mitre</b>	Authority
<b>Blasted</b>	Tree without leaves, withered
<b>Boar</b>	Bravery; fights to the death
<b>Boar's Head</b>	Hospitality
<b>Bonacon (See Bull)</b>	Bull with horse's tail and short mane.
<b>Bomb (Mortar piece)</b>	One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
<b>Bones (crossed thighbones)</b>	Mortality
<b>Book</b>	If open, manifestation; if closed, counsel
<b>Border</b>	Difference between relatives bearing the same arms; also an augmentation of an honour
<b>Bourdon</b>	See pilgrim's or palmer's staff -- knob at upper end, point at bottom, hook near top
<b>Bow</b>	Readiness (for battle)
<b>Bow and Arrow</b>	War, power, ability to hit a target
<b>Braced</b>	Interlaced
<b>Bracket</b>	May be single or double; right angle-shaped support, as in a shelf support
<b>Bridge</b>	Governor or magistrate
<b>Broom Plant</b>	Humility
<b>Buck</b>	One who will not fight unless provoked; peace and harmony
<b>Buckle</b>	Victorious fidelity in authority
<b>Buglass (purple quatrefoil)</b>	Hope and joy.
<b>Bull/Buffalo</b>	Valour, bravery, generosity
<b>Bull's Head</b>	Valour, bravery, generosity
<b>Bull's Horns</b>	Strength and fortitude

<b>Butterfly</b>	Psyche or Soul
<b>Cadences (Marks of Cadences)</b>	Used to differentiate the heirs in a family
<b>Caduceus</b>	Homeopathic medicine; medical profession; balance and the union of opposing forces
<b>Caltrap</b>	
<b>Candle (Lamp)</b>	Light, life, and spirituality.
<b>Camel</b>	Docility, patience, and perseverance
<b>Cannon and Cannon Ball</b>	One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
<b>Candle (Lamp)</b>	Light, life, and spirituality
<b>Canton</b>	As in a flag borne at the top corner of the shield; reward from the sovereign for performance of eminent service
<b>Cap of Maintenance</b>	Granted to British peers and Scottish feudal barons (see "Chapeau")
<b>Carnation</b>	Admiration
<b>Carpenter's Square</b>	Conforming one's actions to the laws of right and equity
<b>Castle (Tower/Chateau)</b>	Safety
<b>Cat (Also Wildcat or Lynx)</b>	Liberty, vigilance, forecast, and courage
<b>Catherine Wheel</b>	One prepared to undergo great trials for the Christian faith
<b>Centaur</b>	Eminence in the field of battle
<b>Chains</b>	Reward for acceptable and weighty service; with crowns and collars, this suggests the bearer bore the chain of obligation or obliged others because of services done
<b>Chapeau (See also "cap of maintenance")</b>	Granted to British peers and Scottish feudal barons
<b>Chaplet (Floral)</b>	Usually with green leaves and four roses: the crown of joy and admiration
<b>Chequy</b>	Constancy
<b>Cherubs &amp; Cherubim</b>	Dignity, glory, and honour; missionary; bearer of joyful news
<b>Chess Rook</b>	Strategic thinking
<b>Chevron</b>	Protection; Builders or others who have accomplished some work of faithful service
<b>Chief</b>	Top one-third of the shield; signifies dominion and authority; often granted as a special reward for prudence and wisdom or successful command in war
<b>Chough (Cornish Crow)</b>	Strategist in battle; watchful for friends
<b>Church</b>	Religion; faith; community
<b>Cinquefoils</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Civic Wreath (of oak leaves and acorns)</b>	One who saved a fellow citizen's life or shown patriotism in defense of one's native land
<b>Clarion</b>	Ready for war
<b>Claw of a Bird</b>	Note the preyer that has been preyed upon
<b>Clouds</b>	Mystery, obscured truth
<b>Cock (male bird)</b>	Courage and perseverance; hero; able man in politics
<b>Cockatrice (small serpent)</b>	Terror to all beholders
<b>Column</b>	Fortitude and constancy; with serpent coiled around it, wisdom with fortitude
<b>Comet</b>	Unknown
<b>Compass</b>	Direction
<b>Compony or Gobony</b>	Constancy
<b>Cornish Chough (crow, raven; See "chough")</b>	Strategist in battle; watchful for friends; divine providence
<b>Cornucopia (horn of plenty)</b>	The bounty of nature's gifts
<b>Cottice/Cotice (bendlet)</b>	Scarf or shield suspender of a knight commander; signifies defense or protection
<b>Coupeaux</b>	(Hills - usually three) Unknown; may be purely an artistic device
<b>Crane (Stork)</b>	Close parental bond; Vigilance if holding a rock
<b>Crescent</b>	One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory (horns to the chief)
<b>Cresset (See "Beacon")</b>	One who is watchful, who gave the signal in time of danger
<b>Crosier/shepherd's crook</b>	The shepherd's watchfulness; Christian faith; pastoral authority; also Episcopal jurisdiction and authority
<b>Cross -</b>	Faith; Christianity; Service in the Crusades

<b>Cross (Celtic)</b>	Unity of heaven and earth
<b>Cross (Constantine's; Labarum)</b>	Good omen; Christ; Christianity
<b>Cross Crosslet</b>	Signifies the fourfold mystery of the cross
<b>Cross Crosslet Fitchee</b>	A combination of cross and sword; unshakeable faith
<b>Cross Flory (Patoncee)</b>	(cross flowered at each end) One who has conquered
<b>Cross Formee (Pattee)</b>	Military honour
<b>Cross (Maltese)</b>	Blessings; badge of Knights Hospitaller
<b>Cross Moline</b>	The mutual converse of human society (said to represent a millstone)
<b>Cross Raguly</b>	Difficulties encountered
<b>Cross Roucy</b>	Faith
<b>Crossed thighbones</b>	Mortality
<b>Crow (See also "Cough")</b>	Strategist in battle; watchful for friends; divine providence
<b>Crown</b>	Royal or seigniorial authority
<b>Crown (Mural)</b>	Defender of a fortress, token of civic honour; one who first mounted the breach in the walls of a fortress
<b>Crown (Naval)</b>	One who first boarded an enemy's ship; distinguished naval commander
<b>Crown of thorns</b>	Adversity
<b>Cup (often covered)</b>	Office of the king's butler
<b>Cushions</b>	Authority
<b>Cygnets (young swan)</b>	Where gorged with a crown around its neck, signifies dignity
<b>Cypress</b>	Death and eternal life thereafter
<b>Dagger or dart</b>	Justice and military honour
<b>Dawle (black quatrefoil)</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Decrescent</b>	One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory (crescent with horns to the sinister)
<b>Deer</b>	One who will not fight unless provoked; peace and harmony
<b>Dice</b>	Constancy
<b>Dog</b>	Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
<b>Dolphin</b>	Swiftness, diligence, salvation, charity, and love
<b>Dove</b>	Loving constancy and peace; the Holy Spirit; with an olive branch in its bill, it signifies a harbinger of good tidings
<b>Dragon</b>	Valiant defender of treasure; valour and protection
<b>Drops (Guttees)</b>	One who has endured torrents of liquids, as in battle, depending upon the color of the liquid. Yellow: gold Blue: tears Green: oil White: water Black: pitch or tar Red: blood
<b>Drum</b>	Ready for war
<b>Duck (Also Teal)</b>	Person of many resources
<b>Eagle</b>	Person of noble nature, strength, bravery, and alertness; or one who is high-spirited, ingenious, quick-witted, and judicious; "True magnanimity and strength of mind" acc. to Guillim. If wings "displayed," it signifies protection
<b>Eagle with two heads</b>	Conjoining of two forces
<b>Elephant</b>	Great strength, wit, longevity, happiness, royalty, good luck, and ambition
<b>Enfield</b>	Mythical beast said to have protected fallen chieftains' bodies for proper burial
<b>Ermine Spot</b>	Mark of dignity
<b>Escallop (scallop shell)</b>	Traveller to far places or victorious naval commander
<b>Escarbuncle</b>	Supremacy; brilliant gem
<b>Escutcheon or small shield, alone, with no charges</b>	Defense

<b>Escutcheon of Pretence</b>	(Small shield in center of primary shield.) Claim of a prince to sovereignty; or marriage to an heiress of the family
<b>Estoile (star with six wavy points)</b>	Celestial goodness; noble person
<b>Eye</b>	Providence in government
<b>Falcon (Hawk)</b>	One who does not rest until objective achieved
<b>Fasces</b>	A bundle or rods tied together around an axe, with the blade projecting out; Symbol of a magistrate's authority and the judiciary. (It appears on the reverse side of the U.S. Liberty-head dime.)
<b>Feathers</b>	(usually ostrich feathers) Sign of obedience and serenity
<b>Fer de moline (millrind)</b>	Center of the millstone, by which it is turned
<b>Fess/Fesse</b>	Military belt or girdle of honour; represents readiness to serve the public
<b>Fetterlock</b>	Victory; one who has taken prisoners or rescued prisoners of war
<b>Fife</b>	Ready for war
<b>Finger, pointing</b>	Direction; correct route
<b>Fire</b>	Zealousness
<b>Fish</b>	A true, generous mind; virtuous for himself, not because of his heritage; also unity with Christ, spiritual nourishment
<b>Flag or Pennant</b>	Refers to special action in which bearer was captured, or a reward for valiant service
<b>Flanchi/flasque/flanches (Also flaunches)</b>	Given by a king for virtue and learning
<b>Fleece (lamb's)</b>	Ancient honour from the knightly order of the Fleece of Gold
<b>Fleur-de-lis</b>	Purity; light; floral badge of France; represents sixth son as mark of difference
<b>Flint stone</b>	Readiness for zealous service
<b>Flowers</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Fountain</b>	Usually a roundel, crossed with wavy bars of blue and white; represents water, a spring
<b>Fox</b>	One who will use all that he/she may possess of wisdom and wit in his/her own defense
<b>Fraises</b>	Strawberries; usually refers to the cinquefoil
<b>Fret (saltire through a mascle)</b>	(Also, fretty or latticework) Persuasion
<b>Fruit</b>	Felicity and peace
<b>Fusil (narrow lozenge)</b>	Travel and labour
<b>Fusil of Yarn (yarn with the spindle)</b>	Negotiation
<b>Galley</b>	See Ship
<b>Gannet (duck without beak or legs)</b>	One who has to subsist by virtue and merit
<b>Garb (wheatsheaf)</b>	The harvest of one's hopes has been secured
<b>Gauntlet</b>	Armed for the performance of martial enterprise
<b>Gavel</b>	Justice; legal authority
<b>Gem or Jewel</b>	Supremacy
<b>Gillyflower (tawney quatrefoil)</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Globe</b>	Worldliness; world travel
<b>Goat</b>	One who wins through politics rather than war
<b>Gobony or Gobbony</b>	Constancy
<b>Goose</b>	Resourcefulness
<b>Gorged (around neck)</b>	High dignity
<b>Grapes</b>	Liberality, felicity, and peace; also, association with wine-making
<b>Grasshopper</b>	Noble and home-bred
<b>Grenade</b>	One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
<b>Greyhound</b>	Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
<b>Griffin</b>	(Head, wings, and talons of an eagle with the body of a lion); Valour and death-defying

	bravery; vigilance
<b>Gyronny</b>	Unity (six- or eight-part division of the shield)
<b>Hammer</b>	Honour; emblem of the smith's trade
<b>Hand</b>	Pledge of faith, sincerity, and justice; two right hands conjoined represent union and alliance
<b>Hand, red</b>	Mark of a baronet
<b>Hare</b>	One who enjoys a peaceable and retired life
<b>Harp</b>	Well-composed person of tempered judgment; contemplation; mystical bridge between heaven and earth
<b>Harpy (virgin's face, neck and breast with the body of a lion)</b>	Ferocity under provocation
<b>Hart (male deer)</b>	Peace and harmony
<b>Hawk (Falcon)</b>	One who does not rest until objective achieved
<b>Hawks' lures:</b>	One who is fond of the highest pursuits, such as hunting and falconry
<b>Hazel branch or leaves</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Head (Human)</b>	Honour; if the head of a "blackamoor" or Moor, refers to deeds of prowess in the Crusades
<b>Heart, Flaming</b>	Intense, burning affection
<b>Heart, Human</b>	Charity and sincerity
<b>Hedgehog</b>	"Provident provider" acc. to Sloane Evans
<b>Helmet</b>	When depicted on the shield, denotes wisdom and security in defense; strength, protection, invulnerability
<b>Hind (female deer)</b>	Peace and harmony
<b>Holly</b>	Truth
<b>Horns</b>	Strength and fortitude
<b>Horse (See also Seahorse)</b>	Readiness for all employments for king and country
<b>Horseshoe</b>	Good luck and safeguard against evil spirits
<b>Hourglass</b>	Flight of time; mortality
<b>Housemark</b>	Presumably adopted by the bearers as forms of unique identification of European homes
<b>Huitfoil (double quatrefoil)</b>	Mark of cadency for the ninth son
<b>Human Head</b>	Honour (if the head of a Blackamoor, it refers to deeds of prowess in the Crusades)
<b>Humettee</b>	Describes an element that does not touch the sides of the shield
<b>Hunting Horn</b>	One who is fond of the chase, of high pursuits
<b>Hydra (dragon with seven heads)</b>	Conquest of a very powerful enemy
<b>Increscent/Increment</b>	One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory (crescent with horns to the dexter)
<b>Inescutcheon</b>	See "Escutcheon of Pretence"
<b>Ivy Leaves</b>	Strong and lasting friendship
<b>Inkhorn or Inkwell</b>	Art of writing and educated employment
<b>Jessamine (white quatrefoil)</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Jessant de lis</b>	With a fleur-de-lis shooting out, i.e., from the mouth of a leopard or lion; Represents dominion over France.
<b>Keys</b>	Guardianship and dominion
<b>Knight (especially on horseback)</b>	The soul guiding the body; man's journey through life
<b>Labarum (Constantine's Cross)</b>	Good omen; Christianity
<b>Label</b>	Indicates first-born.
<b>Ladder (Scaling Ladder)</b>	One who was fearless in attacking; if against a tower, be on guard against spiritual and corporeal enemies
<b>Lamb or Ewe</b>	Gentleness and patience under suffering
<b>Lamb carrying staff or banner with a cross (paschal lamb)</b>	Faith; innocence, bravery, gentleness, purity, resolute spirit
<b>Lamp/Lantern (See also "Candle")</b>	Light, life, and spirituality

<b>Lance or Javelin</b>	The perfection of martial affairs; emblem of knightly service; devotion to honour
<b>Laurel Leaves</b>	Peace and/or triumph
<b>Leg</b>	Strength, stability, and expedition
<b>Leopard or Ounce</b>	Valiant and hardy warrior who enterprises hazardous things by force and courage
<b>Leopard's head swallowing a fleur-de-lis (jessant)</b>	Represents the lion of England swallowing the lily of France
<b>Letter (i.e., A, B, C)</b>	May represent great battles or tournaments beginning with that letter
<b>Level</b>	Equity and upright action; virtuous person
<b>Lightning Bolt</b>	Swiftness and power
<b>Lily</b>	Purity; see "Fleur-de-lis"
<b>Linden branch or leaves</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Lion</b>	Dauntless courage
<b>Lion, heraldic</b>	Bravery, strength, ferocity, and valour
<b>Lozenge or Lozengy</b>	Constancy
<b>Lunel (Four crescent moons facing each other)</b>	One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory
<b>Lure (hawk's)</b>	One who is fond of the highest pursuits, such as hunting and falconry
<b>Lymphad</b>	See Ship
<b>Lyre</b>	Contemplation; tempered judgment
<b>Man</b>	Various meanings
<b>Marigold</b>	Devotion and piety
<b>Martlet (footless swallow)</b>	Symbol of the fourth son (mark of difference); may signify one who has to subsist by virtue and merit, not inheritance
<b>Mascle (hollowed out lozenge)</b>	Persuasive
<b>Mastiff</b>	Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
<b>Matches</b>	(Usually in a roll and fired) Possible reference of one who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
<b>Maunch (lady's sleeve)</b>	"For my lady's sake"
<b>Mermaid</b>	Eloquence
<b>Millpick</b>	Miller's tool
<b>Millrind (or millstone)</b>	The mutual converse of human society; miller's tool
<b>Mitre (Bishop's)</b>	Authority
<b>Mole</b>	Unknown
<b>Monkey</b>	Unknown
<b>Moon</b>	Serene power over mundane actions
<b>Moor/Saracen/Turk</b>	Dates back to the Middle Ages when it was considered an honor to take a Moor's head
<b>Moor fowl or Moor-cock</b>	Association with the law or the legal profession
<b>Mortar Piece</b>	One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
<b>Mount/Mound (See "Coupeaux")</b>	(Rounded terrace at base of the shield) Unknown; may be purely an artistic device
<b>Mulberries</b>	Liberality, felicity, and peace
<b>Mule</b>	Often borne by abbots and abbesses who have pastoral jurisdiction, but not real jurisdiction
<b>Mullet (Star)</b>	Divine quality from above; mark of third son
<b>Musical Pipes</b>	Festivity and rejoicing
<b>Oak Garb or Sheaf</b>	The harvest of one's hopes has been secured
<b>Oak Tree, Leaves, Bush</b>	Great age and strength
<b>Oak Tree/Bush with Acorns</b>	Continuous growth and fertility
<b>Olive Branch or Leaves</b>	Peace and concordance
<b>Orle</b>	Circle of something; Preservation or protection
<b>Ostrich/Ostrich plumes</b>	Willing obedience and serenity
<b>Otter</b>	One who lives life to the fullest
<b>Owl</b>	One who is vigilant and of acute wit
<b>Ox</b>	Valour and generosity

<b>Pale/Palet/Pallet/Paly</b>	Military strength
<b>Palm Branch</b>	Victory, justice, and royal honour
<b>Palm Tree</b>	Righteousness and resurrection; victory
<b>Panther</b>	Fierce, but tender and loving to children and will defend her children with her life
<b>Parchment/Scroll/Diploma</b>	Possible reference to academic or scholarly achievement
<b>Parrot</b>	Unknown
<b>Paschal Lamb</b>	Faith, innocence, bravery, gentleness, purity, resolute spirit
<b>Passion Nails</b>	Token of poignant suffering undergone by the bearer
<b>Pavilion</b>	Readiness for battle
<b>Peacock</b>	Beauty, power, and knowledge
<b>Peacock Feather</b>	Beauty, power, and knowledge
<b>Pears</b>	Felicity and peace
<b>Pegasus</b>	Poetic genius and inspiration; messenger of God
<b>Pelican</b>	Self-sacrifice and charitable nature; When feeding her young ("in her piety"), symbolizes the duties of a parent or parental love
<b>Pen</b>	Art of writing and educated employment
<b>Pennon or Flag</b>	Refers to some special action in which it was captured or as a reward for gallant service
<b>Periwinkle (blue quatrefoil)</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Pheasant</b>	Person of many resources
<b>Pheon (Spear-head)</b>	Dexterity and nimble wit; readiness for battle
<b>Phoenix</b>	Symbol of resurrection
<b>Pig</b>	Fertility
<b>Pike (Fish)</b>	A true, generous mind; virtuous for himself, not because of his heritage; also unity with Christ, spiritual nourishment.
<b>Pile</b>	Represents large pieces of wood used in building bridges; engineering skills, builder; May represent a pennon or flag
<b>Pilgrim's Stave/ Palmer's Stave</b>	The shepherd's watchfulness; Christian faith; pastoral authority; also may refer to early pilgrimages to Jerusalem
<b>Pillar</b>	Fortitude and constancy; with serpent coiled around it, wisdom with fortitude
<b>Pincers</b>	Honour; emblem of the smith's trade
<b>Pine</b>	Death and eternal life thereafter
<b>Pine Cone</b>	Life
<b>Pipes (music)</b>	Festivity and rejoicing
<b>Pitcher</b>	Office of service
<b>Plant</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Plow or Ploughshare</b>	Labouring in the earth and depending upon providence
<b>Plume of feathers</b>	Sign of willing obedience and serenity of mind
<b>Plummet</b>	Equity and upright action; virtuous person
<b>Pomegranate Fruit</b>	Fertility and abundance
<b>Poplar leaves</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Poppy (sanguine quatrefoil)</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Portcullis (castle gate)</b>	Protection in an emergency
<b>Proboscides</b>	Elephant trunks; usually represented in pairs; the elephant symbolizes longevity, strength, royalty, dignity, patience, wisdom, happiness, and good luck
<b>Quatrefoil (Primrose)</b>	Brings good tidings
<b>Rabbit (Conie)</b>	One who enjoys a peaceable and retired life
<b>Rainbow</b>	Good times after bad
<b>Ram</b>	Authority
<b>Rat</b>	Unknown
<b>Ratch-hound (small hound)</b>	Loyalty, courage, and vigilance
<b>Raven</b>	Divine providence
<b>Ray or Rayonnee</b>	Glory and splendour; fountain of life; intelligence and enlightenment



<b>Rhinoceros</b>	Ferocious when aroused
<b>Rock</b>	Safety and protection; refuge
<b>Rose</b>	Mark of the seventh son; Hope and joy; see also meanings for specific colors of roses
<b>Rose, Red</b>	Grace and beauty
<b>Rose, White</b>	Love and faith
<b>Roundles</b>	Gold or yellow: bezants or byzantine coins (worthy of trust or treasure) White: plate (generosity) Green: pomme (apple) Purple: golpe (wounded) Blue: hurt or wortleberry Black: pellet, ogress, or gunstone (cannon ball) Red: torteau (communion wafer or manchet cake) Tawney: orange (tennis ball)
<b>Sabre (See Sword)</b>	Justice and/or military honour
<b>Saddle</b>	Preparedness for active service
<b>Salamander</b>	Protection
<b>Salmon (See Fish)</b>	
<b>Saltire</b>	(St. Andrew's Cross) Resolution
<b>Savage/Saracen</b>	Believed to be related to service in the Crusades
<b>Scales</b>	Justice
<b>Scallop Shell</b>	See "Escallop"
<b>Sceptre</b>	The emblem of justice
<b>Scythe or Sickle</b>	The hope of a fruitful harvest
<b>Sea horse</b>	Power of the water
<b>Seal/Sea lion</b>	Dauntless courage at sea
<b>Seraphim</b>	(angel with three pairs of wings) Dignity, glory, and honour; missionary; bearer of joyful news
<b>Serpent/Snake/Lizard</b>	Wisdom
<b>Shacklebolt</b>	Victory; one who has taken prisoners or rescued prisoners of war
<b>Shamrock</b>	Perpetuity; floral device of Ireland; also see Trefoil.
<b>Shield</b>	When borne on the arms, represents the defender
<b>Ship</b>	Ancient sea voyages
<b>Ship, Dismasted</b>	Disaster at sea
<b>Shuttle (Weaver's Shuttle)</b>	Reference to the bearer's profession; i.e., textiles
<b>Skull</b>	Mortality
<b>Snail</b>	Deliberation and perseverance
<b>Snake</b>	Wisdom (see also Serpent)
<b>Spear/Pike</b>	Honourable warrior; valiant knight
<b>Spear-heads (Pheons)</b>	Dexterity and nimble wit; readiness for battle
<b>Sphere</b>	Geographical or scientific reference
<b>Sphinx</b>	Omniscience and secrecy
<b>Spider</b>	Wisdom, labour, and prudence
<b>Spur or Spur Rowel</b>	Preparedness for active service; pressing onward
<b>Square Symbols</b>	Constancy
<b>Squirrel</b>	Lover of the woods
<b>Stag (Also Reindeer)</b>	One who will not fight unless provoked; peace and harmony
<b>Stag's Antlers</b>	Strength and fortitude
<b>Star (estoile or mullet)</b>	Celestial goodness; noble person
<b>Steel</b>	Readiness for zealous service
<b>Stirrup</b>	Preparedness for active service
<b>Stool</b>	Hospitality
<b>Stork</b>	Filial duty; close parental bond; If holding a rock, symbolizes vigilance

<b>Sun</b>	Glory and splendour; fountain of life
<b>Swallow</b>	One who is prompt and ready in doing business; also bringer of good news
<b>Swan</b>	Poetic harmony and learning, or lover thereof; light, love, grace, sincerity, perfection
<b>Sword/Dagger/Dart Sabre/Scimitar</b>	Justice and military honour
<b>Table</b>	Hospitality
<b>Tabor</b>	Festivity and rejoicing; dangerous if aroused
<b>Talbot (hunting dog)</b>	Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
<b>Tent</b>	Readiness for battle
<b>Terrace</b>	Unknown; May be purely an artistic device
<b>Tiger</b>	Fierceness and valour; resentment; dangerous if aroused
<b>Torch</b>	Life; zealously; engaging in signal service; truth and intelligence
<b>Tortoise</b>	Invulnerability to attack
<b>Tower</b>	Safety and grandeur
<b>Tree Trunk/Stump/Branch</b>	New life sprouting from the old
<b>Tree</b>	Life and the mystical connection of the earth with heaven and the underworld
<b>Trefoil or Shamrock</b>	Perpetuity
<b>Tressure</b>	Preservation or protection (prominent in the arms of Scotland)
<b>Tressure Flory Counterflory</b>	Signifies the close and longterm alliance between France and Scotland
<b>Trestle</b>	Hospitality
<b>Trident</b>	Maritime dominion
<b>Trumpet</b>	Ready for war
<b>Unicorn</b>	Extreme courage; virtue and strength
<b>Vine</b>	Strong and lasting friendship
<b>Vol (Set of Wings)</b>	Swiftness and protection
<b>Vulture</b>	Purification and maternity; also, virginity (in Christianity)
<b>Walnut Leaves</b>	Hope and joy
<b>Water Bouget</b>	One who carried water to an army or a besieged place
<b>Wheat-Ears</b>	Faithful
<b>Wheat Garb or Sheaf</b>	The harvest of one's hopes has been secured
<b>Wheel</b>	Fortune; cycle of life
<b>Wings</b>	Swiftness and protection
<b>Wolf</b>	Reward from perseverance in long sieges and/or hard industry
<b>Woodbine Leaves</b>	Love that does not injure that which it clings to
<b>Woman</b>	Various meanings
<b>Wreath of laurel leaves and berries</b>	Triumph
<b>Wren</b>	Freedom
<b>Wyvern (Dragon with only two legs and armed tail)</b>	Valour and protection
<b>Yew</b>	Death and eternal life thereafter